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MEMORANDUM for the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

Subject: Report on civilian contacts.

1. During my recent visit to New York I had conferences with the following persons and corporations:

Mr. Junius Morgan - J. P. Morgan & Co.  
Mr. W. W. Hoffman - National City Bank.  
Mr. F. H. Sisson - Guaranty Trust Co.  
Mr. William Sands - American International Corp.  
Col. William Warfield - Standard Oil Company of  
New Jersey.  
Mr. C. F. Meyer - Standard Oil Company of New York.  
Mr. Joseph P. Grace - W. R. Grace & Co.  
Mr. Alexander M. Hamilton - American Locomotive  
Sales Corp.  
Mr. J. N. Gunn - U. S. Tire Co.  
Mr. L. D. Tompkins - U. S. Rubber Plantations.  
Mr. Gerald Swope - International General Electric Co.  
Mr. Stephen C. Clark - Singer Sewing Machine Co.  
Mr. E. C. Lufkin - The Texas Co.  
Mr. Frederick Corse - New York Life Insurance Co.  
Mr. Gano Dunn - J. G. White & Co.  
Mr. David M. Goodrich - Goodrich Lockhart Co.  
Dr. D. W. Jayne - Barrett & Co.  
Col. J. A. J. Dooley - U. S. Cartridge Co.  
Mr. Herbert Parsons - 52 William St., Parsons,  
Closson & McIlvaine.  
Mr. Archer Huntington.  
Mr. Joseph Camprubi.  
Major General Robert L. Bullard, Commanding Second  
Corps Area.  
Colonel John R. Procter, A. C. of S., G-2, Second  
Corps Area.  
Mr. John B. Trevor, formerly in charge of the New  
York Intelligence Office.

2. These conferences consisted of about twenty minutes' conversation, the usual purpose of which was to obtain from the gentlemen

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in question the names of their foreign representatives, with a view to putting our military attaches in contact with them. Most of the gentlemen in question possessed general information which it would have been desirable to obtain, but the length of the appointments made made this in most cases impossible.

3. Although at its initiation I believe that it was essential that this whole matter of civilian contacts be handled by a representative of the War Department G-2, I am now convinced that, as a result of nearly four years of effort, it is now on such a good working basis that it can be decentralized and placed in the hands of the G-2, Second Corps Area.

4. The G-2, Second Corps Area, will not be limited to twenty minute conversations, nor to three or four days every two months, as is necessarily the case of any representative of the War Department G-2. His contacts can, on the contrary, be continuous and will for that reason be much more beneficial.

5. The reduced state of the mileage appropriation is another argument for this decentralization.

6. Furthermore, the contacts themselves will make the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Second Corps Area, a better center of information and more valuable to his Corps Area Commander than if he were deprived of their benefit. A proper development of these contacts will make the officer in charge of them the best informed man in the vicinity of New York.

7. In Colonel John R. Procter, the present Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Second Corps Area, I believe that G-2 has a representative worthy to take over this work. He has a pleasant personality and already has a wide acquaintance in New York.

8. Without telling him of the object of my inquiries, I ascertained from General Bullard that Colonel Procter had had no recurrence of his former illness and was in excellent shape to do anything required of him. General Bullard seemed to have perfect confidence in him. My own impression of Colonel Procter was entirely favorable.

9. I therefore recommend that M.I.5 be authorized to furnish Colonel Procter with a complete history and description of each civilian contact and to turn the work over to him.

10. If this is approved, I believe that I should make one more trip to New York to put Colonel Procter in personal contact with several men I know there who can help him and who have expressed a

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willingness to cooperate with G-2 in every possible way.

11. Your instructions are requested.

*M. Churchill*

M. Churchill,  
Major, General Staff.

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handle this question from the end -  
For any case doubt the advisability  
of doing it this G2 New York

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